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## FULL RELIEF FOR EAST SIDE IN MEASURES TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL

Flats at Head of River to Be Dredged of Accumulated  
Deposits Until Covered With Water at Low Tide—  
Sewers to Be Extended Further Down River—Mill  
Rights to Berkshire Pond to Be Acquired.

The Common Council took steps last night, that will go far to relieve the conditions in the East Side, which have proved so annoying to property owners during the summer.

These measures, which have been approved by the Council, in accordance with the terms of the special message from Mayor Buckingham, are as follows:

The flats are to be dredged to approximately four feet below average low tide, between lines extending from the west bank of the Pequonnock River, through the dock log of the Berkshire coal pier on the north and through the boundary line of the McKenzie property, on the south. The flats between these two lines will be cleaned of their accumulated deposits and lowered until they will be constantly covered by water.

Secondly, the sewers are to be brought further down the river and extended so that they will always empty under water.

Thirdly, the Harbor Committee has been instructed to purchase the mill rights in Berkshire Pond of the owner, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, subject to the approval of the Common Council.

When the latter project is carried out the pond will be kept always full

of water, and the nuisance of exposed flats will be eliminated. But upon suitable occasions the water in the pond may be used to flush out the upper end of the river.

Mayor Buckingham said today: "These improvements will be carried out at a cost that should not exceed \$30,000. The Berkshire Pond will be a playground for our young people affording a convenient place for skating and other winter sports. Established as a lake, and kept at a permanent level it will adorn the neighborhood all about it, and will soon create an increase in land values, which will return to the city in revenue from taxation an excellent profit on its investment."

On the other hand the continuation of the nuisance would subject the city to possible penalties from suits threatened, or brought, by owners of property. The depreciation of property values would have decreased the revenue from taxation.

The only evil remaining to be dealt with is the garbage plant itself. The plant is being reconstructed, and the owners claim they have made improvements which will prevent odors escaping and becoming a nuisance. If the claim is unground the plant will be permanently closed, by the abrogation of the contract, and this will give relief from the so called overland odors.

## INCENDIARY IMPERILS LIVES OF SLEEPERS; SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

Timely Discovery Saves House From Burning  
and Possibly Several Lives

Home of Herman E. Gill on Hough Avenue Set Ablaze by  
Oil Soaked Papers and Excelsior in Cellar—William  
Connors, Found Skulking Nearby, Arrested on Suspicion—Tried to Hide When He Saw He Was Followed.

William Connors, a middle aged man who has been arrested several times on various charges, is held at police headquarters today on suspicion of being the incendiary who set fire at 2:30 this morning to the home of Herman E. Gill on Hough avenue. But for the timely discovery of the fire, which started in the cellar, the house would have been burned down, and its occupants probably would have perished in the flames.

Gill has known Connors for years. Some hidden enmity is ascribed as the motive for the attempt. Connors was arrested earlier this morning, while smoking away from the scene of the attempt and apparently trying to hide himself.

At 2:30 this morning Gill was awakened by the pungent odor of smoke. He went into the bathroom of his house and looked out the window. He was startled to see in the windows of the next house, the reflection of a blaze in his own cellar.

Clad only in his night clothes, Mr. Gill rushed down stairs, he found a roaring little fire in progress in the cellar. Fortunately water was plentiful and a few pailfuls administered in time, extinguished the blaze.

Investigation then showed that the fire was plainly the work of an incendiary who first gathered together a quantity of paper, wood, shavings, etc., and then soaked the mass with kerosene and set it on fire.

Mr. Gill hastily clad himself and ran out doors to the figure of Connors, whom he knew well, skulking about the neighborhood. Connors walked rapidly down the street, and Mr. Gill followed.

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**Turko-Italian War Is Again Scaring Europe**

An entirely new version of "the woman that tempt me" was presented to the police court this morning by Henry T. French of Easton, a farmer who was arrested yesterday on Water street by Patrolman Cannon, for making a disturbance.

French, when charged with drunkenness, demurred. Prosecutor Reiden questioned him.

"What was that big bottle of whiskey the police took out of your pocket?" questioned the prosecutor.

"I didn't have any bottle of whiskey," stoutly maintained French. "But the police took it out of your pocket," insisted the prosecutor, producing the bottle in question.

"Then the woman must have slipped it into my pocket when I wasn't looking," replied the aggrieved and innocent Mr. French.

Judge Wilder passed sentence of 30 days and then suspended judgment.

Connors went to the place where he lives nearby and went into the yard with Mr. Gill close behind. Connors plainly saw Gill. He kept looking apprehensively over his shoulder as though he feared pursuit. Reaching his own yard, he ran inside of his house and behind a small shed, instead of going into the house.

Mr. Gill watched himself behind a tree and watched for Connors. After a long wait he saw Connors peek out from his hiding place. Connors took to his heels and ran into the street to assure himself that the coast was clear, and then ran into the house.

Mr. Gill at once ran to the Second Precinct police station and reported. Patrolman Callan was detailed to investigate and quickly ascertained that the fire was incendiary in origin and the circumstances were as Mr. Gill reported. Patrolman Callan went to Connors home and placed him under arrest. Connors was taken to headquarters and detained on the technical charge of "held for investigation."

Connors has been arrested before. The last time he was in, it was on the charge of indecent exposure. Mr. Gill was extremely thankful that he discovered the blaze at such an opportune time. With the kerosene soaked material on which it was fed, the fire would quickly have jumped beyond control and would have consumed the house and possibly have burned the inmates before they could be aroused and get off. Starting in the cellar, it would have cut off the means of escape.

Fire Marshall Edward Mooney took up the investigation of the case as soon as it was reported to him today.

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**Turko-Italian War Is Again Scaring Europe**

London, Oct. 17.—The bogey of the extension of the Turko-Italian war to Europe with all its possibilities of international complications has once more raised its head. A despatch from Rome received here, today, says that Italy is preparing to withdraw a portion of its fleet from Tripoli and will occupy several islands of the archipelago.

The despatch also asserts that the bombardment of the Dardanelles is contemplated by the Romanian government if Turkey still refuses to accept the Italian ultimatum.

The significance of this news is increased by the action of the Turkish government in ordering the expulsion from Turkey of all Italian professors and schoolmasters and the permanent closing of all Italian scholastic institutions. This is the second decree of expulsion issued. The decrees are believed here to indicate that the Young Turks are succeeding in forcing their militant policy on the Sultans and are calling for the general expulsion of Italians from the empire will soon be issued.

New York.—Princeton graduates will probably invoke the law to have the picture of Rev. Dr. James McCosh, famous Princeton president taken off a new brand of 10-cent cigars.

## GIANTS DEFEAT ATHLETICS IN CONTEST PLAYED ON DARK AFTERNOON AT POLYGRANDS

Wealthy Woman Too  
Fond Of Handsome  
Guide, Says Hubby

Walter Ferguson, Jr., Sues  
Emilie Carstairs Ferguson  
for Divorce and  
Makes Sensational  
Charges.

Declaring that his wife was infatuated with a handsome guide and had taken trips with him alone in the Maine woods, Walter Ferguson, Jr., owner of the Stamford Hotel, appeared before Judge Curtis in the superior court this afternoon to seek a divorce from Emilie Carstairs Ferguson of New York. Ferguson declared that his wife had neglected her child and her home in order to shower attentions on the guide, who had no education and who was barely able to read and write. The guide's name was George T. Graham. Ferguson testified that his wife engaged the principal of a Stamford school to teach Graham and also suggested that the guide be sent to Europe to complete his education. They didn't know how to educate people in this country, Mrs. Ferguson is reported to have said.

The husband also declared that his wife believed Graham possessed psychic powers. He could go into a trance and tell what was going to happen, could foretell the result of medical operations and, besides, Mrs. Ferguson once gave an entertainment at her home in Stamford and Graham appeared in a dress suit and went into a trance in full view of the guests.

The plaintiff said his wife first became acquainted with the guide in 1906 at the Ferguson camp near Moosehead Lake, Maine. Mrs. Ferguson became very friendly with Graham and on two occasions went with him on long trips into the woods. Once they remained away for nine days.

Ferguson separated from his wife in 1910 because of her relations with the guide. He claimed his wife and Graham spent several days together at the Hotel Touraine in Boston. He asks for the custody of one minor daughter, Frances Ferguson.

Alleging that Mrs. Ferguson is not a fit person to take care of the child, Mrs. Ferguson is contesting the suit. She declares her husband spent much of his time with Graham and had relations with him. The case was still going on at press hour.

**Annual Report Of  
K. Of P. Grand Lodge**

Chancellor Miller Says Much  
Money Spent on Paraphernalia  
Might Go to Sick and Needy

(Special from United Press.)  
Waterbury, Oct. 17.—In his annual report to the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, Grand Chancellor David W. Miller, of this city, today stated that much of the money spent for paraphernalia might well be given to the sick and needy of the order.

He referred in defense to the dissatisfaction of the grand lodge over his conduct of affairs during a five months' absence from the State while in the Federal government's employ.

The present membership in Connecticut, reported Grand Chancellor Miller, was 8,539. There was a balance in the treasury of \$4,949.64. Seventy-three new members have been added since the last convention, but to new lodges. Among his recommendations was one that the grand keeper of records should be paid \$1,000 a year instead of the present salary of \$500.

**PARK CLUB ELECTS NEW  
OFFICERS AT BIG MEETING**

H. E. Grafflin Chosen President  
and H. J. Dietrich Vice  
President

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Park Club took place last night at the club rooms. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held by the club. The following officers were elected: President, H. E. Grafflin; Vice President, H. J. Dietrich; Secretary, A. L. Birks; Treasurer, A. B. Gully.

The report of the treasurer showed that the club has no liabilities and has a good balance on hand. The club has installed a new 50 foot revolver range in connection with its rifle range. It is now possible for club members to enjoy pool, billiards, cards, revolver or rifle practice. Lunch was served at last night's meeting.

**THIRD TICKET IN  
SECOND WITHDRAWN**

Joseph M. Cummings, 593 Park avenue, announced today the withdrawal of the third ticket in the Second District. The delegates, after accepting nominations, reached the conclusion that there was no demand for a third ticket in the district. The candidate for alderman was the first to withdraw. Then one of the five delegates left the room and finally the ticket is entirely pulled out, by Mr. Cummings' action.

Boston.—Miss Florence L. Slivardo is in despair, for some one has stolen her pet Siamese cat, which had nine lives of its own and contains the soul she says, of a late King of Siam.

Crowd, Not So Large As Saturday, Sees Ty Cobb of Detroit Presented With Auto for Fine Season's Work.

(By Grantland Rice.)  
Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 17.—Either because of darkening skies or darkening prospects, there was a decidedly bashful tendency evidenced in the enthusiasm of the New York fans, today, and when, at 2 p. m., the Giants trotted onto the field, there were many patches of vacant seats scattered throughout the bleachers but there were few vacant seats in the big grandstand.

When the gates first opened, this morning, there was the usual rush of the dyed-in-the-wool fans who would have remained outside all night, if necessary, to insure getting first choice of seats in the bleachers. But, after the "bugs" had been admitted, there came a lull. When the funeral clad Giants, led by Mathewson, logged out on the field, at 1:05 to sling a ball to and fro like a bunch of football players, they got a very mild "hand" when, a few minutes later, the Giants meandered leisurely across the field, they were greeted with a yell of genuine approval.

The players there was a tense feeling that was even more noticeable than on the opening day. In the expectation that Combs would lead the Giants to a victory, the work McGraw had Maxwell, his right-handed recruit speed them during the Giants' batting practice. Both McGraw and Ames tried their hands at the bat and the early indications were that one of the two would draw the sharpshooters job for the season.

The dark day and lowering clouds were figured as big aids to Combs, whose chief asset is speed. In the first inning, Combs, by an inch, an infield hit to Herzog. With yesterday's combination of two down and Collins on the baseline, Baker at the bat and run play, Devore, looking anxious, forced Matty, Barry to Collins. Meyers scoring on the play. Devore attempted to steal but was caught, Lapp to Barry. One run, two hits, no errors.

**FOURTH INNING.**  
Athletics—Lord filed out to Snodgrass. Oldring popped an easy fly to Fletcher. Mathewson, by an inch, an infield hit to Herzog. With yesterday's combination of two down and Collins on the baseline, Baker at the bat and run play, Devore, looking anxious, forced Matty, Barry to Collins. Meyers scoring on the play. Devore attempted to steal but was caught, Lapp to Barry. One run, two hits, no errors.

**FIFTH INNING.**  
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**SIXTH INNING.**  
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**EIGHTH INNING.**  
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**NINTH INNING.**  
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With the sky getting darker each moment, the game was called. The fans' hopes of seeing some baseball not confined to the limits of a pitching duel, took a rise. The field, which was reasonably dry, was moist enough to discolor any ball that had been in play three minutes and the game played quickly. The pitcher's arm was sore, but he was strong. Indicative of more hitting than had characterized the previous contest. Up to the opening of today's game, a pitcher's duel had been at least 75 per cent. of the game. There had been but little brilliancy displayed by either team.

There was little spectacular work offered by any of the players of either team outside of the batteries.

With both teams leading indications to favor the ideal pitching conditions, the famed stick work of the Athletics had failed to materialize in either of the games played by the three students following the bridge burning fracas of last Friday night.

The official statement reads: "In view of the misbehavior of certain members of the freshman class in Sheffield Scientific school, last Friday, it has been voted that all representation of the athletic and musical organizations in the university be suspended until further notice. No member will be allowed to represent the university in any athletic or musical organization. This order takes effect at once."

"By order Governing Board, Sheffield Scientific school. (Signed), Russell H. Chittenden, director."

**Mrs. Davis Concert  
Tonight Will Be A  
Notable Event**

All indications point to a large and brilliant audience at The Stratfield ballroom tonight, at the concert given by Mrs. Susan Hawley Davis, who will present Miss Maude Powell, a world famous violinist, for her first appearance in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Davis' share of the concert promises to be notable. Among other selections she will sing an aria from "The Prophet," a selection of extreme difficulty and well calculated to show the splendid upper ranges of her wonderful contralto voice.

**One-Third of First  
District Rebate Paid**

Of the 900 taxpayers entitled to the three mill rebate for overcharge on First District tax only it is estimated that the office of the collector this afternoon that about 300 had been reimbursed.

There is about \$9,500 to be returned to these taxpayers. Persons who expect to call for the rebate should bring their receipted tax bills with them.

## CHINESE REBELS CLASH WITH FOREIGNERS AND FIGHT IN THE STREETS

City Mobs of Hankow, Lashed Into Fury by Familiar Cry  
of "Kill the White Devils," May Attack European  
Consulates Next

(Special from United Press.)

Hankow, Oct. 17.—The long dreaded clash between the rebels and foreigners has taken place and fighting is now going on in the streets here between the Chinese and a detachment of German marines, aided by a number of the members of the white colony.

The situation is extremely grave, for the attack upon the Germans has aroused all the latent hatred for the white races among the natives. All over the city mobs are being lashed into fury by the old familiar cry, "Kill the white devils," and an attack upon the European consulates may take place at any moment. The marines that have been landed from the foreign warships under the command of Admiral Kawashima are being reinforced but, if the anti-foreign outbreak spreads they will have to deal with a foe outnumbering them from 10 to 1 and armed with modern rifles.

The first trainload of Imperial troops has arrived from the north and the soldiers are en route a few miles up the river. Several thousand more are on their way and are expected to arrive in a few days.

**CLOSING OF RAILWAYS  
CAUSES WIDE PANIC.**  
Peking, Oct. 17.—Passenger traffic between Peking and Tientsin has been suspended by the government, which is using every train out of the capital for the transportation of troops. The closing of the railways has caused a panic here, for thousands of the lesser officials and businessmen were arranging to send their families away, a step now rendered impossible.

One hundred American marines will sail from Manila on Wednesday to reinforce the legation guard here and other foreign ships are preparing to land men.

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The situation grows more ominous daily. In the absence of reliable information, the wildest rumors are current and the unrest among the people is increasing rapidly. The people are now having the most serious consequence is that the rebellion has been caused by the Japanese intrigues. There is good reason to believe that the story originated from government sources and is being circulated for the purpose of alienating popular sympathy from the rebels.

The acceptance of the vice royalty of Hunan and Hu Peh by Yuan Shi Kai has not had the quieting effect that was looked for. The people are in it merely a successful attempt on the part of the government to seduce their popular hero and the vice-roy is being bitterly attacked as a traitor to his countrymen.

The government seems at last to be awaking from the stupor in which the first news of the outbreak plunged it. Twenty-four troop trains have left Peking. So far, however, the soldiers are not in the field. The war minister who is in personal command of the army, frankly admitted that he has no confidence in the soldiers.

Lieutenant-Colonel William D. Beach who was sent here from Manila to watch the Chinese maneuvers, which were subsequently abandoned, Captain James H. Reeves, the military attaché of the American legation, and Willis R. Peak, assistant Chinese secretary, have gone to the front with the troops. They are the only foreigners with the army.

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